

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Gakona

Gakona is an unincorporated CDP located at the confluence of the Copper and Gakona Rivers, about 15 miles northeast of Glennallen. It served as a wood and fish camp, and later became a permanent village. Gakona is part of the Valdez-Cordova Census Area.

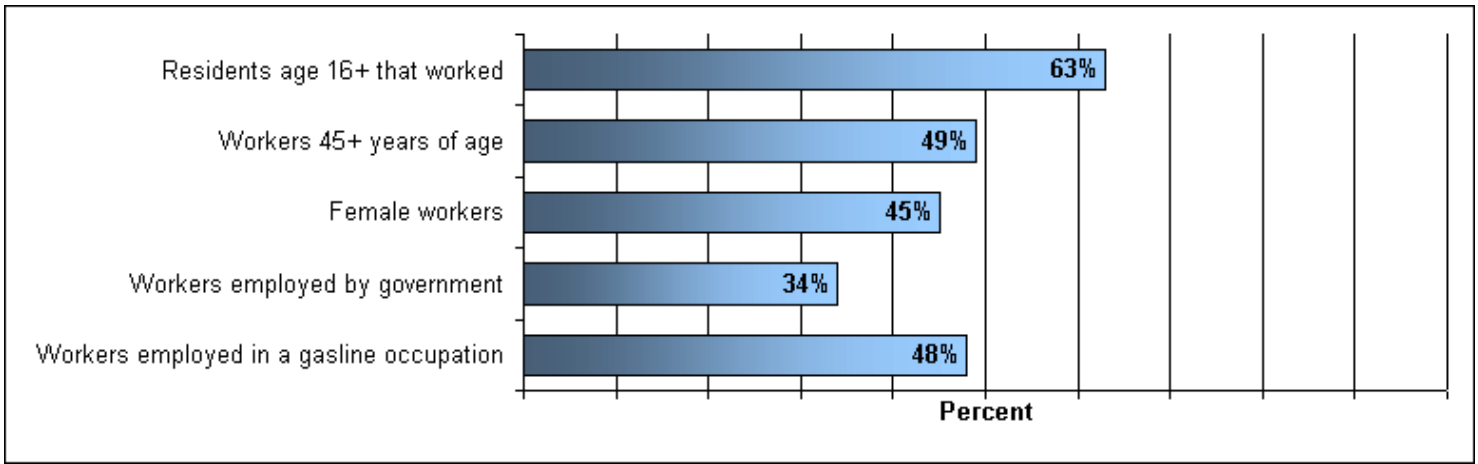
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 220, a gain of about 5 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 63 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 24 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Construction Laborers than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Gakona Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	183	Total wages	\$3,100,442
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	115	Private	76
Male	63	State government	11
Female	52	Local government	28
Age 45+	56	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	36	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	102
		Percent working all 4 quarters	57.4%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	22	Some construction	35
		At least 1 year construction	15
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	6
New hires	53	Worked in an AGIA occupation	104

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2008 Residents

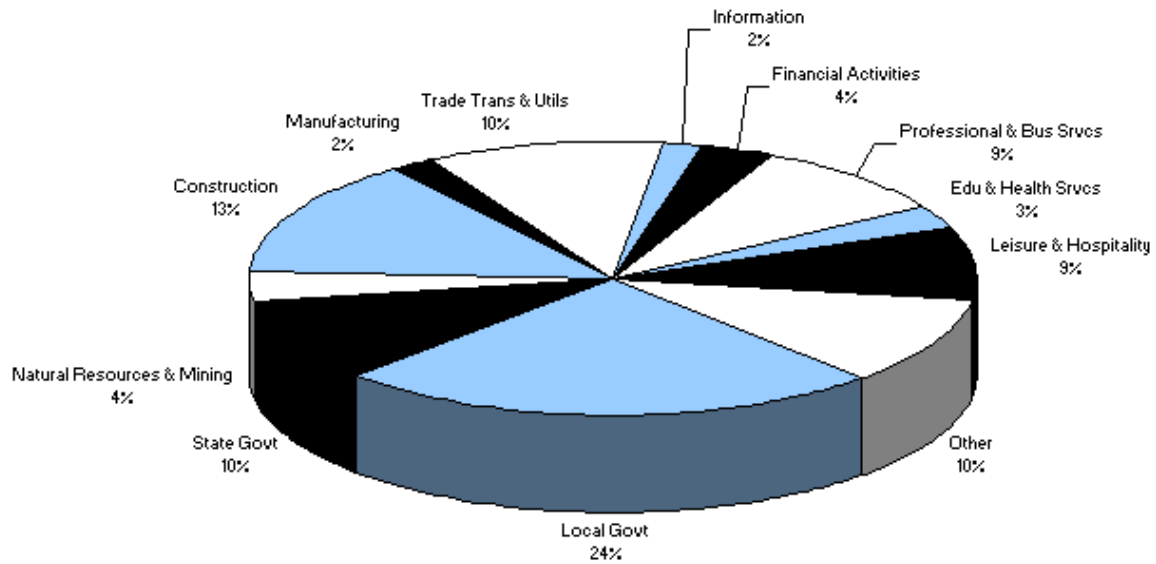


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	9	22.2%	3	1
Medical and Public Health Social Workers	6	100.0%	1	1
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	6	83.3%	2	1
Office Clerks, General AGIA	6	83.3%	1	1
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	5	0.0%	5	3

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	*	*	*	*
Construction	16	12.5%	10	7
Manufacturing	*	*	*	*
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	12	33.3%	5	3
Information	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	10	30.0%	5	1
Educational and Health Services	*	*	*	*
Leisure and Hospitality	10	50.0%	2	1
State Government	11	45.5%	6	4
Local Government	28	64.3%	18	14
Other	12	91.7%	4	4
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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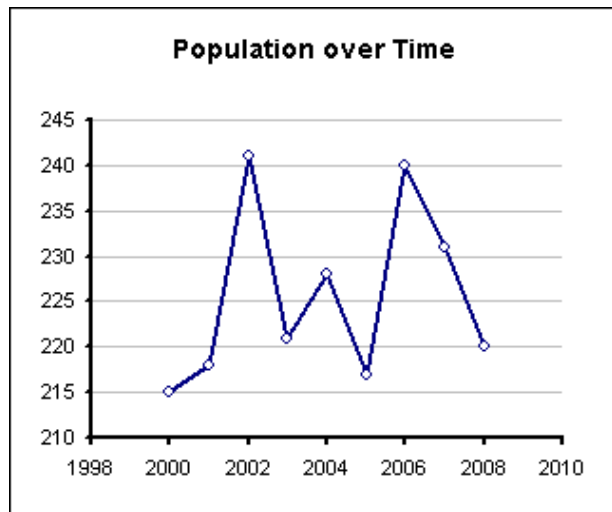
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	12	23	25	26

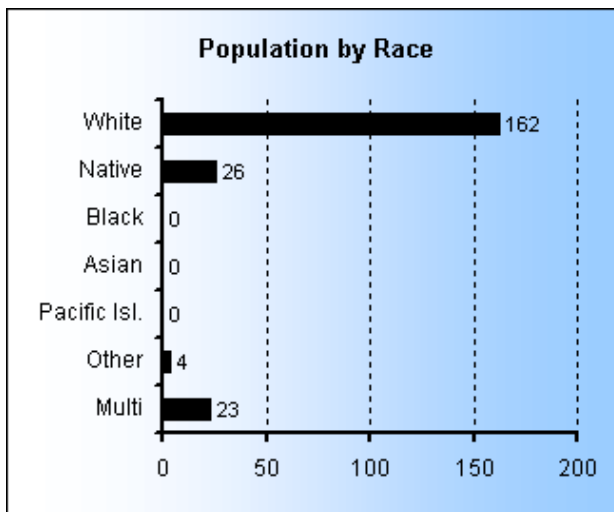
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Copper River School District
Copper River Native Assoc Inc
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Native Village of Gakona
Service Oil & Gas Inc
DB Enterprises
BAE Syst Info & Elec Syst Inte
University of AK
Koht'aene Enterprises Company LLC
Mt Sanford Tribal Consortium
Gakona Lodge and Trading Post Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	40.6
Average Family Size	3.0
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$18,143
Median Family Income	\$44,375
Median Household Income	\$33,750



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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